

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 3f729acb-3465-4d93-8b49-2f58ba2540dd

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700425.000

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 29 August 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 29 August 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the sexual exploitation of children. It depicts a man sexually abusing a young boy. The only purpose of this image is to sexually arouse the viewer, and it encourages the view that boys are available for the sexual pleasure of adults. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children from exploitation and harm.